

CAN WE AFFORD PARTISAN POLITICS IN THIS HOUR OF WORLD CRISIS?

ENGLAND and France have called to the government leading men from all parties. Is the United States so strong that it can discredit and reject the services of half its available forces?

The appeal by president Wilson to the voters of the country to return a Democratic majority to congress, alleging that the election of a Republican congress would be construed as a repudiation of him, amounts to a resumption of partisan politics. Return of a Republican majority to either house of congress, the president said, "would certainly be interpreted on the other side of the water as a repudiation of my leadership."

Regardless of the president's disclaimer the conclusion to be derived from this is that all except organization Democrats are opposed to the president and his prosecution of the war. Any such assumption is, of course, brutal injustice to millions who have supported president Wilson to the utmost, have met every war appeal wholeheartedly, and have done everything they could to beat Germany. It is an insult, too, to a vast army who have lost their lives in the service of the country or who are now undergoing the risks of battle.

The president says: "The congressional elections are at hand. They occur in the most critical period of our country's history. It is likely to face in our time. If you have approved of my leadership and wish me to continue to be your unembarrassed spokesman in affairs at home and abroad, I earnestly beg that you will express yourself unmistakably to that effect by returning a Democratic majority to both the senate and the house of representatives."

"I am your servant and will accept your judgment without cavil, but my power to administer the great trust assigned me by the constitution would be seriously impaired should your judgment be adverse."

Had the president demanded wholehearted and aggressive loyalty as the test in the congressional elections he would have earned the approval of every right-minded American. But it is difficult to see how he would be embarrassed by a Republican majority in congress, inasmuch as the embarrassment the president has undergone in putting through his war measures has come almost entirely from dissenters within his own party, and inasmuch as the Republicans in congress have supported every war measure the administration has put forward almost unanimously—a record which the Democratic majority cannot claim. It is chiefly in view of this fact that it is impossible to view an election of a Republican congress as a repudiation of the president and his policies.

In succeeding paragraphs Mr. Wilson says he has no thought of suggesting that any political party is paramount in patriotism, but that while the leaders of the minority in the present congress have unquestionably been pro-war, they have been anti-administration; that at almost every turn they have sought to take the conduct of the war out of his hands and put it under the control of instrumentalities of their own choosing.

The Republican leaders, from a spectator's viewpoint, have not only been pro-war, but they have also been pro-administration in every single measure which tended toward the more vigorous prosecution of the war. They have not nursed themselves against criticism of whatever appeared slack in the conduct of the war or wrong in internal affairs—and neither have many Democratic leaders. The Republicans have sought to take the conduct of the war out of the president's hands only to the extent that they have insisted that congress should fulfill its constitutional functions and be something more than a mere rubber stamp. It is well known that the whole congress Democratic as well as Republican, shares the same view of the war, and that the same view, through their conception of patriotism, hesitates to express themselves.

To say that the election of Republicans would be construed as a repudiation of the president is to voice a strange opinion. Surely the German government well knows, and

our allies certainly know, that the Republican minority in congress has from the very first been solidly behind president Wilson in everything that meant a harder blow at Germany more quickly dealt. The Republicans have wanted every ounce of power thrown into the war. They have been for everything that meant more vigorous war conduct. Men, money, ships, munitions, airplanes—everything that could go to beat Germany to surrender—the Republicans have voted enthusiastically. They were vigorous in their criticism but this same criticism swept Bryanism from the cabinet, broke the war department and shocked secretary Baker from his exorbitant formula, "the war is 3000 miles away." Public sentiment as expressed by such outstanding Republicans as Roosevelt, Lodge and Sherman has reinforced the president greatly in more than one emergency.

No, there need be no fear that Republicans in congress will embolden Germany. On the contrary they will convince the Kaiser that all parties stand together and that he is fighting not any single party but the assembled strength of the world.

Adding A County To Arizona

COMPLETION of one of Arizona's fine state highways, the Clifton-Solomonville road, marks the divorce of a county from New Mexico and its addition to Arizona. It is true that Greenlee county has been geographically a part of Arizona and has paid taxes to the state and sent representatives to the legislature. Otherwise, it has been a part of New Mexico, its people traveling back and forth to and from New Mexico towns, buying from New Mexico merchants, stopping in New Mexico hotels and neighboring with New Mexicans.

If a Greenlee county resident wanted to go anywhere else in Arizona with any degree of comfort, he had to go through part of New Mexico first. Consequently all commerce Greenlee county people had outside their own county was with New Mexico or El Paso.

The new highway, built as the most difficult engineering feat ever accomplished by the state engineers' office, opens the way for Clifton, Morehead, Metcalf and Duncan people and the residents of the country to go over into Graham county and thence to visit Globe in Gila county and continue on to Phoenix, the capital.

The old road between Clifton and Solomonville, not much of a road, either, was 75 miles long. The new highway reduces the distance to 45 miles. Several big cuts through the mountains were necessary. It took two years to build and four state engineers have participated in it. Most of the labor was performed by state convicts. Nevertheless it has been an expensive road, but it will be worth the cost.

It is noted that Turkey becomes increasingly anxious for peace and disarmament as Thanksgiving day approaches.

President Wilson and the national Democratic party, incident to making the world safe for democracy, seem mightily interested in making the United States safely Democratic.

Attempts to capitalize the war for the benefit of a political party will stir up a hornet's nest.

The Arizona Corporation commission has authorized an eight-cent street car fare for Tucson, which is going it stronger than the El Paso company probably ever dreamed of.

It ought to be made plain by the allies that if France and Belgium are devastated all the way as the Huns retire, there can be no surrender at the Rhine line.

Roundabout The Country

We Might Have Had a Real Convention Hall Here We Could Have Built It Like the One in Kansas City

By G. A. MARTIN.

KANSAS CITY'S convention hall, which is little more than twice as large as El Paso's, is used for everything and almost all the time.

Following the Soil Products show, they have it rented for grand opera with Galli Curci as the star; then follows a chicken show and a rabbit exhibition and then comes a hardware dealers' exposition. Between times they have a few conventions and dances sandwiched in.

They say they would have the same trouble we have about hearing in the hall if they hadn't built it with a lot of sliding things that they can slip out above the first balcony and below the second, and keep the sound down out of the roof and rafters. The second balcony is a sort of a mezzanine floor up in the roof and is big enough for housing quite an exposition itself. From this location the scenery is worked when a stage effect is desired. A stage that can be set up in a few hours and taken down quicker, is a part of the equipment of the hall.

It is easy to say what should have been done after it is done, but if the builders of El Paso's Liberty hall had paid a visit to the Kansas City hall before they spent El Paso county's money for something that you can't hear in, they would have learned something that would have been worth while to the taxpayers.

At slightly more than the original cost, we could have had everything the Kansas City hall has, even to acoustics.

The street car company in Kansas City has put a six-cent street car fare into effect and the state has undertaken to enjoin the company from collecting it. Meanwhile the company is collecting the six cents and giving every passenger (who demands it) a slip good for the cent if the state wins.

A visitor to Kansas City said: "You pay a nickel for a ride and a penny for a slip of paper that says you may get it back again."

Chris's mama said: "Chris, if you go outside the yard, you'll get influenza."

Next day Chris asked: "Mama, what is a fairy story?"

"A fairy story, son, is something that never happened—something that is not true."

"Mama, let me tell you a fairy story," said Chris, after reflection, and this is what he said:

"Mama, if you go outside the yard you'll get influenza."

When you get into a Kansas

City elevator you find a pretty girl operating it and begin to wish you were the only passenger and the building were 20 stories high. But if it were 20 stories high and you WERE the only passenger, the chances are you'd have influenza when you got off.

A soldier traveling these days only needs his mileage, for the Red Cross certainly takes care of him on the road. Wherever he goes, the depot with knick knacks for the soldiers.

At Topeka, they had cigarettes, chewing gum and candy.

At Harrison, Kas., they served sandwiches and hot coffee, using one of the baggage trucks at the depot for a table.

At Pratt, Kansas, they have a tobacco cabin, with a lunch counter inside, where they served coffee, sandwiches and fruit.

At Hutchinson, they served sandwiches from baskets.

The Pratt log cabin was built one Sunday by a railroad man, out of old telegraph poles. The cracks are chinked with cement.

Topeka has a street-corresponding very much to our Oregon street, where the trains pass before stopping at the depot, which is on one side of the city, very much as is our depot.

Across this street they have an electric sign, with letters four feet high, embellishing to the travelers that it is Topeka.

And they burn it on lightless nights, too, Mr. Wyatt.

Going up to Kansas City the other day I met a man on the train who gave me his diversion in collecting and canceled postage stamps from the various large cities of the country. A rarity for stamps is a "one-cancel" versus or stamped upside down and a genuine gem to glaze over in one where the perforating machine had cut into the engraving.

But everybody to his tastes and likings. I once knew a man who was making a collection of elastic bands that might have been elastic holders but weren't.

It seems incredible and it's not nice to write about, but in the hope that he'll see it and learn better, I am going to tell it.

An elderly man and his wife had the berth opposite me on the Golden State the other night coming down from Kansas City and the old man spent half the night

coughing and every time he coughed, he would attack his head through the berth curtains and the bedding was 20 stories high. But if it were 20 stories high and you WERE the only passenger, the chances are you'd have influenza when you got off.

Indoor sports: Wondering when your draft questionnaire is coming or when you are going to be called.

Kansas City doesn't bother about digging deep for its water. It just pumps it out of the muddy Missouri into a settling tank, then into a tank that is treated with chemicals to kill the bacteria, and then shoots it out into the mains for people to drink.

Sometimes the chemicals don't get all the bacteria and then the people get typhoid.

Wonders of wonders. A concern which recently sent out some copy which it expected the newspapers to print free, failed to put enough postage on the envelopes. When it made up the copy, it hastily mailed out the stamps to the editors with apologies.

Barbers and free reading material and free writing material and Victor

He's Caught Something

By O. P. Williams



14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald of This Date, 1904.
RUSSIA declines to allow England to prescribe the punishment to be awarded the offending Russian officers who attacked the British fishing fleet in the North sea two days ago. Intense excitement prevailed both at St. Petersburg and at London over the matter.

New York's great underground railway was formally opened to the public today. Simple ceremonies, under the direction of Bishop Potter, marked the occasion.

Russia and Japan have resumed actual fighting in the far east and all is expectancy in the capitals of both nations.
Isaac N. Perry, president of the Chicago Bank of North America, stands charged with complicity in the burning of the Chicago Engine and Car company's plant three weeks ago. Perry's bank had loaned large sums of money to the concern, which had become bankrupt. Fires started at several places in the shops two hours after Perry had been there alone, it is said.

The Democratic national executive committee announces that Alton B. Parker will make five speeches in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut between now and the close of the campaign.

The police of El Paso are waging relentless war against vagrants. The approach of cold weather is driving large numbers of hobos southward and the officers of this city are determined that they shall not find a resting place here. The city jail is filled with alleged vagrants every morning. Some of them are released upon investigation, others are sent to the chain gang, while others are turned over to the department of justice for attention.

Mrs. Mary E. Dotz has filed suit against the city for maintaining a nuisance, the city sound near her premises. She alleges that the dogs howl and the doors creaking are sufficient to drive her mad. She asks \$1000 as damages to her property and that the pound be removed.

Wm. P. Appleby, Last Of Pony Express Riders, Dies In Salt Lake City

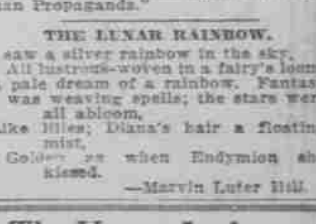
Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 25.—William Price Appleby, said to be the last of the pony express riders, who, in the early days of the west, rode the trail between Salt Lake City and San Francisco, died at his home here late last night. He was 80 years of age and came to the Salt Lake valley in 1848. A widow and three children survive.

NAMES IN THE NEWS.
Concertinas is the name applied to a form of defense consisting of loose coils of wire wound on wooden frames. Its chief advantage is that it can be easily moved into place where needed.

GETS FIVE YEAR SENTENCE FOR MISUSE OF U. S. MAIL.
San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 25.—A sentence of five years in the federal penitentiary at McNeil Island, Wash., for distributing through the mail in pursuance of a scheme to extort money from prominent San Francisco residents of German extraction, was pronounced today by Judge J. D. Jones, in the case of T. J. Maass, head of the "Society for the Prevention of German Propaganda."

THE LUNAR RAINBOW.
I saw a silver rainbow in the sky. All tinsmiths woven in a fairy's loom. A pale dream of a rainbow, said the stars were weaving spells; the stars were all abloom. Like Jilks; Diana's hair a floating mist. Golden as when Endymion she kissed. —Marvin Luter Hill.

The Young Lady Across The Way



THE young lady across the way says many of the battles are opened with prolonged drum fire and the gunners the members of the bands are doing just as much in their own way to win the war as the soldiers themselves.

trolas are things of the past on passenger trains since Mr. McAdoo became the boss. Likewise the a la carte meals. Now everybody eats what everybody else eats and meals are one dollar to all alike.

Little Interviews

In Phoenix Things Center In Live Chamber of Commerce Wyatt Says El Paso Has a Lot of Men Who Won't Help Push

"PHOENIX, Ariz., has the right idea about handling the activities of a community," said W. G. Roe. "There, everything centers in the chamber of commerce — all Liberty bond sales, war stamp activities, motor transport recruiting and everything."

"When you enter the door of the Phoenix chamber of commerce, you know the minute you step in that it is alive, for the click of the typewriter can be heard out on the street and there are always a score or more of men there on some sort of mission. Stenographers and clerks by the dozen are at work."

"When we dropped in to take up with them the work of recruiting for the motor transport corps, we found them anxious to cooperate. We told them we wanted ten pages of advertising. They said all right and they gave it to us right off the bat. They raised the money among the business men later. The advertising was done by the chamber of commerce and it was not necessary for a committee to go out and solicit advertising space."

The activity of the chamber of commerce gave a visitor the impression that the chamber of commerce is just about the best thing in Phoenix and that it is at the head of everything."

El Paso has a lot of slackers besides the men who try to escape duty in the army," said John M. Wyatt. "The slackers I refer to are civic slackers. A man who will not help support the chamber of commerce which is working all the time for the benefit of the city, is a civic slacker, without local patriotism and just as much stigma should attach to such a man among his fellow citizens in a community as should attach to a

man who refuses when he can afford to buy Liberty bonds."

"The man who wiggles out of joining the army, when he is physically able to go, is no more to be looked down upon, in my opinion, than the community slacker, who, though he can afford to help the chamber of commerce financially, refuses to do so. We must rid ourselves of these civic slackers after the war if we are to grow and develop. The community must make it so unpleasant for them that they will have no peace of mind. There is no room for a slacker of any sort in America."

"It is one of the particular duties assigned to the community labor board to determine what industries are less essential in its community and should, therefore, contribute to the nation's labor needs for war work in the community," said Henry M. Walker of the U. S. employment service. "Where men are needed for war work no men should be kept employed at work which women properly can do. Instead of protesting against substitution of women for men and incidental inconveniences, merchants and employers should realize it is their part to aid in making the man power go to the fullest extent for necessary war work. Instead of opposing and questioning the authority of boards and hampering their activity, they should come forward and aid."

W.S.S. DOLLAR MARK YOUR PLEDGE W.S.S. PAY THE PRESIDENT

By Tad

The Great Actor A Frost

GO ON PA THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS ARE KNOWN THE HARDEST

I NOW IMITATE NAPOLEON

ONE OF US IS ROTTEN

THE GREAT HUN IMPERSONATOR

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Uncle Walt's Denatured Poem.

When Peace Comes

I KNOW not when that peace will come, for which the people yearn; I know not when the sword and drum will to their sheaves return. But I am sure that peace will be all wool and three feet wide, a fabric beautiful to see, no shoddy threads inside. No lords of war will help to weave the web o'er which we toil, and none who think that to deceive is authorized by Hoyle. The pattern (which should never fade) won't be designed by chaps who think the pledges they have made are merely paper scraps. I know not when the guns will cease the serenade of war, but I am sure the coming peace is well worth scrapping for. Long sacrifice has made us wise, we're on to Prussian wiles; we can't be lured by Prussian lies, or fooled by Prussian smiles. Before we deal with grunts like these and let our sabres rust, the Prussians must be on their knees and humbled in the dust. I know not when great Foch will say, "Cease firing! All is done!" But we shall make, on that fair day, no bargain with the Hun. We'll show the fabric made by men who fairly played the game, and if he doesn't like it, then, he'll have to jump the same.

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